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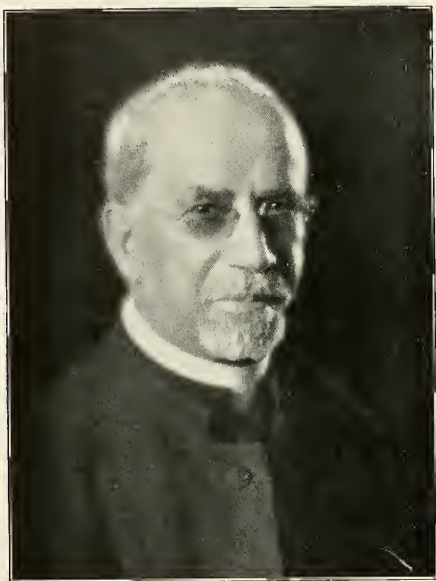
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NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL
FARM SCHOOL, PENNSYLVANIA



RABBI JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF

FOREWORD . . .

THE yearbook of the Class of 1939 is similar in intent and not very different in content from previous yearbooks, and simply portrays an intimate record of classmates, pedagogues, associations and warm friendships of our days at Farm School. As you turn its pages we hope many of those incidents which we live but once and too soon forget will spring to life again in pleasant reminiscences. If we accomplish that, then we shall feel that our efforts shall not have been in vain.

THE STAFF.



JOSEPH H. HAGEDORN

THE Class of 1939 desires to record its appreciation and express its gratitude to Mr. Joseph H. Hagedorn for his unselfish interest and devoted work for the school and the students, particularly during the past year and a half, in which as Acting President of the Institution, he has expended himself in furthering the school's progress.



DR. HAROLD B. ALLEN

THE Class of 1939 greets and welcomes, on behalf of the student body, Dr. Harold B. Allen, recently elected President of the school. Dr. Allen brings to the work of the school a fund of knowledge in the field of agriculture, and his experience and training as teacher, agriculturist, administrator, and scientific investigator, as well as his experience in the resettlement of refugees, qualify him pre-eminently to head our Alma Mater. Dr. Allen is loved by all with whom he comes in contact and, under his leadership, we can look for ever greater things from the National Farm School.



GRADUATION again takes from us a class we have learned to esteem.

I wish to express the appreciation of myself and faculty for your effort and loyal co-operation.

We have faith in your ability and wish you a happy, successful future.

C. L. Goodling

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Left to right, seated Dr. Massinger, Mr. Purmell, Mr. Fiesser, Mrs. Maines, Dean Goodling, Mr. Samuels, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Toor, and Mr. Mayer.
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DEDICATION

FOR their untiring efforts in molding and processing rank tyros so that they may go forth after three years of study as qualified agriculturists, we dedicate this yearbook to those unsung heroes of the National Farm School — our Faculty.

THE CLASS OF '39.





PERSONALS

**MILTON BERNZWEIG**

Glenville High School
10912 Tacoma Avenue

SKIPPY

Horticulture
Cleveland, Ohio

"Hey, fellows, it's Skippy!"

Musical Organization, 1; Livestock Club, 2; Class Track, 2; Soccer, 2; Newspaper Concession, 3.

Bernzweig was, no doubt, the most energetic and lively member of the class. With all his practice in catching deadly bullet passes, he should be an accomplished end — on any bench. This Cleveland flash had quite a penchant for aliases, some of which included "Skippy O'Toole", "Eddie Irish", and "Chester White". He will always be remembered for the rheumatic monotone he used when bewailing his lack of faith in women.

ALBERT BLUMENTHAL

Hilltown High School
R. D. No. 1

POOPDECK

Dairy
Sellersville, Pa.

"New York? Where's that?"

Class Track, 1, 2; Class Football, 1; Class Wrestling, 2; Livestock, 1, 2; Rod & Gun Club, 1, 2, 3. Poopdeck Pappy's constant companions were Connie, Marie and Esther, three of the most voluptuous cows in the herd. Blumenthal was the personification of Paul Webb's trio of "Esquire" mountaineers in speech, dress, and mannerisms. Marco Polo had nothing on Poopdeck, whose frontiers were situated at a radius of thirty miles from Sellersville. He's been a-traveling!

**WALTER FLATOW**

Realgymnasium Tempelhof, Berlin, Germany Dairy
35 West 71st Street New York City

FAGGOT

"A lovely thing is a joy to behold."

Poultry Club, 2; Class Track, 1, 2.

Flatow's social life was spent in Philadelphia where his acquaintance among the fair (or is it unfair?) sex was quite extensive. His athletic activity was in the field of running and soccer and he performed in those two sports with a typical Teutonic thoroughness.

JOSEPH FOODY — "F"

Germantown High School
5016 Greene Street

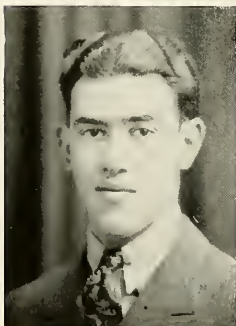
JOE

General Agriculture
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Still water runs deep."

Class Football, 1, 2; Football, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3;
Basketball Manager, 1, 2, 3.

Sorry, Joe, but I'm all out of cigarettes. Next to his reputation for borrowing something to smoke, Foody was noted for his burning the midnight oil — playing ping-pong with Klotz in the Varsity Clubroom. They say he once put a sign on the Clubroom door for the callboy to send him to bed.

**ALBERT GERSON**

Central High School
520 Pine Street

AL

Poultry
Scranton, Pa.

"And the meek shall inherit the earth."

Class Football, 1, 2; Class Baseball, 2; Class Basketball, 1; Class Secretary, 3; Band, 1; Headwaiter, 2, 3; Poultry Club, Secretary, 2, 3; Football, 3; President of Student Council, 3.

Al was one of the lesser lights of the class as far as social affairs go. Nevertheless, he was a serious-minded poultryman. His voice in the dining hall was never heard of stentorian proportions and he commended infinitely more attention because of it.

ARTHUR ISBIT

Roosevelt High School, Chicago, Ill.
826 Clara Avenue

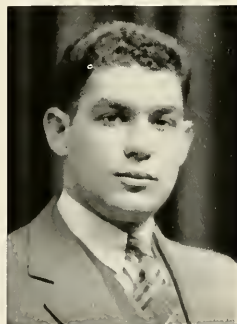
JUGHEAD

Horticulture
St. Louis, Mo.

"Truly he was blessed with the voice of Stentor."

Band, 1, 2; Gleaner Revue, 1; Call Boy, 3; Gleaner Staff, 1, 3; Poultry Club, 2; Benevolent and Protective Order of Rex the Piddler, 3; Automobile and Motorcycle Trail Riders, 2, 3.

Jughead was truly a lady's man — if the lady had a car and allowed him to drive it. A thumbnail sketch of him is impossible, because he was the biggest man in the class. He was outstanding for his uncontrollable mania for operating any movable vehicle, be it automobile, motorcycle, truck, tractor, scooter, kiddykar, or manure spreader. After graduation, Isbit is going to work for the Coast Guard as a utility fog horn.



**FRANK H. JACOBSON — "F"****COTTONTOP**

Overbrook High School
6556 North 16th Street

Floriculture
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Some men are born great; others
have greatness thrust upon them."

Class Baseball, 2; Varsity Baseball, 2, 3; Freshman Baseball Coach, 3; Class Basketball, 2; Varsity Basketball, 3; Cheerleader, 1; Band, 1, 2; Musical Organization, 1, 2; Headwaiter, 3; Gleaner Staff, 3.

With Jake's training as a headwaiter, we suspect that he may embark upon a career as "Maitre d'hotel" in one of our larger and more swanky borshht circuit resorts. He was the well-known junior member of the photography firm of Kopoloy and Jacobson and possesses a bulging album to show for his efforts. One never knows, though, because he may surprise us and grow flowers for a livelihood.

WILLIAM H. JENNINGS

Wilson High School
1902 Fairview Avenue

UPPER DARBY BILL

General Agriculture
Easton, Pa.

"Don't stop talking — stop squawking!"

Class Track, 1, 2; Class Football, 2; Secretary-Treasurer, Livestock Club, 2, 3.

Bill was another member of that Easton triumvirate whose other members were Trach and Klotz. Jennings was often seen energetically pedalling down Route 202 to Chalfont, but later transferred his scene of operations to Upper Darby, Pa., whence his nickname. If his whereabouts happened to be unknown, all one had to do was to locate his roommate, Trach. They were inseparable.

**ABRAHAM JOLOFSKY****JOE**

Boys' High School
161 Vernon Avenue

Horticulture
Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Clothes make the man but an army coat does not make a soldier."

Class Basketball, 2; Class Track, 1, 2; Soccer, 1, 2; Horticultural Society, 1, 2, 3; Poultry Club, 1, 2; Livestock Club, 1, 2; Gleaner Staff, 1, 2, 3; Hunters and Trappers Lodge, 3.

Tagged with his "nom d'amour", "Joe Laski", Abe really got around in the right circles and managed to bring up some of the nicest girls ever to attend Farm School dances. He was too often seen in the company of his roommate, Persico, who probably gets the credit for leading him astray. Before meeting Snocp, Joe was a blushing violet. Jolofsky will be remembered for his classroom quips, his oscillating right hand and his satirical sharpness.

JAMES KLOTZ

Wilson High School
R. D. No. 3

FARMER

General Agriculture
Easton, Pa.

"Actions speak louder than words."

Livestock Club 1, 2; Poultry Club, 1; Student Council, 2.

Jim has the honor of being the first '39'er to own a farm. He was an outstanding student in the subject of farm management and should be a success on his own place. He is one-third of the Easton trio and was often seen diligently plodding his way toward that Northampton County metropolis accompanied by Jennings and Trach.

**JOACHIM GERD KOBLENZER****KOBY**

Kaiser Friedrich Gymnasium
Mittelstrasse 61-63

Landscape
Mannheim, Baden, Germany

"Girls don't bother me—that's the whole trouble."

Dramatic Club, 2, 3; Gleaner Staff, 2, 3; Soccer, 2.

A twentieth century Aristotle combined with an expert on vitamins is the sum total of the interests of Count Gerdo de Coblero, Koby's nom d'amour. Also noted for the extended period he has existed without sleep. Koby is in the midst of a test campaign on Ovaltine as this goes to press.

GEORGE KOPOLOW

Central High School
109 Seminary Avenue

BING

Poultry
Binghamton, N. Y.

"Betcha it's a 4.5 lens."

Band, 1; Basketball, 1, 2; Poultry Club, president, 2, 3.

Binghamton's Chamber of Commerce owes a great deal to Kopolow, because before he arrived at Farm School, Binghamton was a cross-roads hamlet. A sojourn in Florida, a former proprietor of a poultry business, a girl friend in Pineville, a thriving photography business and that French teacher all combine to provide this fowl (?) Adonis with plenty of conversational material.



**LESTER LEWIS**

James Monroe High School
1221 Ward Avenue

TEX

Dairy
New York City

"The Lonesome Cowboy—lonesome for the Bronx."

Class Football, 2; Livestock Club, 1; President, 2;
Gleaner Revue, 1; Vice-President, Rod and Gun
Club, 1, 2, 3.

Lewis' day never was complete until he pulled some practical joke on someone. Hey, Tex, how about throwing an old lady down the stairs? His bosom pal was Magann and they were as inseparable as ham and eggs. Tex's ambition is to find an elusive sweet-smelling skunk, but Farm School will never know the benefit of that contribution to society.

JACK MAGANN

Sharon Hill High School
749 Bonsall Avenue

MICK

Dairy
Sharon Hill, Pa.

"A skunk by any other name would still smell!"

Band, 1; Class Track, 1, 2; Gleaner Secretary, 1,
2, 3; Livestock Club, 1, 2; Vice-President, 3;
President, Rod and Gun Club, 1, 2, 3.

A person is judged by the company he keeps and Jack consorted with polecats. To tell you the truth, Mick, we don't particularly care for your choice of friends, because you don't seem to be able to keep it a secret.

**GEORGE MOSES**

James Monroe High School
134 Phelon Place

SLEEPY

Horticulture
Bronx, N. Y.

"Waddya gonna have for dessert?"

Hunter and Trapper Club, 3; Class Track, 1;
Horticultural Society, 1, 2; Football, 2; Poultry
Club, 1; Class Boxing, 2.

George Morse, as Sleepy was known to the ladies, was quite a killer with the women. He concentrated his activities in the vicinity of Telford and Menlo Park. George cut quite a dapper figure when dressed in his ten-dollar pea green suit adorned with Tex Lewis' flaming red satin cravat. Moe was a charter member of that select group which prided itself on its ability to sleep wherever and whenever the occasion presented itself.

HOWARD MOYER

Valley Forge Military Academy
3324 Queen Lane

GENERAL

General Agriculture
Philadelphia, Pa.

**"How many acres can you plow if
you use a variable condenser?"**

Student Council, 1, 2, 3; Dance Committee, 1, 2,
3; Band, 1, 2, 3.

Howard was outstanding for his clean-cut appearance, no matter what kind of clothes he had on. When graduation time rolls around, Bud will also graduate from the National Radio Institute, the source of his avocation, radio. Thanks to him, there are more radios tuned in to Benny Goodman than ever before, not because he talked up Goodman, but because he kept the radio sets working.

**MAX NEEDLES — "F"****MAX**

Gratz High School
1906 South 4th Street

Landscape
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Tacks? Razor blades? They're not sharp!"

Class Boxing, 1, 2; Class Wrestling, 1; Freshman
Boxing Coach, 3; Class Football, 1, 2; Band
Manager, 1, 2, 3; Football, 1, 2, 3; Freshman
Advisor, 3; Glenner Staff, 2, 3.

Blond, blue-eyed and dapper, yet he is seeking that elusive, good-looking date. Max will be well remembered for his erudite discussions in Plant Pathology and Rural Sociology. Mr. Schmieder surely appreciated having such a disciple.

MYRON J. NICKMAN — "F"**ANGEL EYES**

Shaw High School
1615 Ridgfield Road

Poultry
Cleveland Heights, O.

"Doing the Lambert Walk, Oyl!"

Class Boxing, 1, 2; Class Football, 1, 2; Class
Baseball, 1, 2; Class Track, 1, 2; Band, 1, 2, 3;
Football Trainer, 3; Glenner Staff, 2, 3; Dance
Committee, 3; Council, 3; Orchestra, 2; Poultry
Club Vice-President, 3; Musical Organization, 1,
2; A. A. Board, 3.

More girl friends than one of Kimber's Leghorn cockerels, yet Nick was a very rank amateur with the fairer sex. Angel eyes' best idea for an evening well spent is a front row seat at the Troc, with Georgia Sothem as a featured performer.



**JAMES J. PERSICO — "F"**

Southern High School
1215 Snyder Avenue

SNOOP

Landscape
Philadelphia, Pa.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever,"
he claimed, describing Laura Evans.

Class Boxing, 2; Class Wrestling, 2; Class Baseball, 1, 2; Class Football, 2; Junior Baseball Manager, 2; Senior Baseball Manager, 3; Cheerleader, 1, 2, 3; A. A. Board, 3; Dance Committee, 2, 3; Student Council, 2, 3; Gleaner Revue; Varsity Club, 3; Editor-in-Chief of Gleaner, 3; Mail Boy, 3.

Jimmy appreciates beautiful things, especially that located in the office. Our official diplomat, ambassador-at-large, or what have you, he also devoted a great bit of his time to exhibitions of gallantry to the fairer sex that would make an effervescent French courtier blush with shame.

HERBERT SCHULL — "F"

Riverside Military Academy
208 West 88th Street

CHUBBY

Poultry
New York City

"How much custs?"

Class Football, 1; Class Baseball, 1; Class Basketball, 1, 2; Class Wrestling, 1; Poultry Club, 2; Band, 1; Football, 2, 3; Captain, 3; Baseball, 2, 3; Captain, 3; Baseball, 2, 3; Captain, 3; Basketball, 3.

After all his inquiries on price in class, Chubby ought to be the richest huckster on the East Side of New York within ten years. He is often seen strolling about the campus with that military carriage — that needs greasing.

**LESTER R. TRACH**

Wilson High School
2305 Freemansburg Avenue

LES

General Agriculture
Easton, Pa.

"Although he tells not what he feels,
He knows more than he reveals."

Class Basketball, 1; Interform Basketball, 1;
Class Football, 2; Dance Committee, 3; Council, 3.

Another one of those inseparable pairs, Trach and Jennings. Trach was the tall, blond half, but in spite of his eye-appeal, he never bothered with the fairer sex. Conscientious about his work, Les spent many an evening at the wheel of a Model "A", either preparing ground, planting, cultivating, or bringing in a crop at the crucial time.

JULIUS TRASKEN

West Philadelphia High School
213 South 13th Street

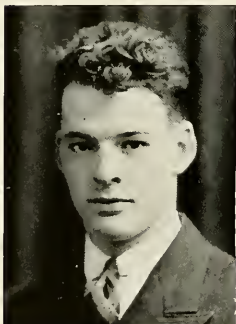
*"A modern Gabriel midst a
garden of beautiful flowers."*

Band, 2, 3; Gleaner Staff, 2, 3; Class Football, 2;
Class Baseball, 2; Mailman, 3; Class Treasurer, 3.

Silent and unobtrusive, Casey was right there, ready to lend a hand when there was work to be done. His supreme enjoyment was in working down at the greenhouse among his beloved plants; he seems destined to follow in Burbank's footsteps. His only vice, dangerous as it was, consisted of blowing into that baritone horn of his, though they say that practice makes perfect.

CASEY

Floriculture
Philadelphia, Pa.

**FRANK E. VAN HORN — "F"**

Northeast High School
321 Reading Avenue

REX

General Agriculture
Barrington, N. J.

"Rex — the sleeping beauty."

Class Track, 1; Class Football, 1, 2; Class Boxing, 1, 2; Poultry Club, 1, 2; Livestock Club, 1, 2; Varsity Football, 3; Dance Committee, 3; Student Council, 3; President of Class, 3.

Van Horn had that true jaunty North Philly manner about him. He was an exponent of the "devil-may-care" school of life and slept his way through most of it. A familiar picture of him smoking that over-worked briar and thumbing his devious way towards Montgomeryville will not be forgotten. Poor Willie had the misfortune to attend a class meeting once, and awakened to discover that he had been elected class president. We hope this streak of ill luck does not pursue him in later life.



Thumbnails of '39

NAME	AMBITION	DESTINY	NOTED FOR	WHERE FOUND
BERNZWEIG	Own a dog	Dog house	Deadly bullets	Throwing passes
BLUMENTHAL	Quack	Sellersville	Whatcha mean?	Asleep at the dairy
FLATOW	(?)	Reading Terminal	Yanking	Philadelphia
FOODY	Sleep all day	Home	Got a smoke?	Playing ping-pong
GERSON	Own a farm	Saranton	Carpentry	County Theatre
ISBIT	Meet girl with auto	Calibacy	Leatherette tie	Bitzer's Dry Cleaners
JACOBSON	Find a beauty	Milkman	Ugly dates	Dining room
JENNINGS	Penn State	ASCO	Squawking	Upper Darby
JOLOFSKY	Foreman	Long Island farm	Facial conortions	Supervising ditch diggers
KLOTZ	Farmer	Farmer	Farming	On the farm
KOBLENZER	Hollywood	B.V.D. salesman	Pills and tonics	Nobody knows
KOPOLOW	Georgia Sothern	Poultry farm	School marnis	In a dark room
LEWIS	Beef, hogs, sheep	Stock farm	Fur, fish, game	In the woods
MAGANN	Station wagon	Herdsmen	Polecats	On the trap line
MOYER	Radio engineer	R. C. A.	Sea legs	Nursing Koby
MOSES	None	Bronx	Profiteering	Asleep in class
NEEDLES	Win beauty contest	Gigolo	Being a caveman	Before a mirror
NICKMAN	Crooner	Cleveland	Humoring Toor	Childs' house
PERSICO	Washington, D.C.	So. Phila. politico	Being a lover	Administration Building
SCHULL	Broilers	Meat market	Cerebral expansion	Bernice's house
TRASKEN	Florist	Postmaster-General	Eating	Waiting for trains
TRACH	Farmer	Banker	Stuttering	Presbyterian Church
VAN HORN	Own a harem	Herd sire	Missing details	Colmar, Pa.



CLASS HISTORY

1936

WE MADE our entry into the institution of our choice on April 15, 1936. Fifty-one new students, agriculturally determined, marched upon the campus from many states of the union, including Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Maryland, and Kentucky. The enrollment was further strengthened by the June entrants who were quickly assimilated into the class organization. As is the custom, we mutts were given the official royal welcome by the S. S. A. on April 20. How well we recall Judge Blatt and his somber court of associates, instilling within us dire forebodings of what might happen should we stray from the straight and narrow. A lengthy list of "Do's" and "Don't's" was handed to us with the gentle admonition that one remained healthier by obeying them. We pitched in right after that to put together a successful "Freshman Follies", of which the outstanding feature was the satire on the Senate. We are proud to have been the last group of persecuted freshmen to be made targets for deteriorated horticultural produce and odiferous hen fruit in varying stages of incubation. Later in the year, we contributed to the entertainment of the upper classmen by staging a mock wedding which united Miss Chubby Schull and another mutt in connubial bliss.

In sports, our class contributed its share of varsity material and produced several lettermen. In interclass sports we started off with a defeat in boxing, but we went down fighting. It was certainly disheartening after endless hours of practice, to take only three out of seven bouts. The interclass wrestling ended in a draw. The track and field meet was lost and so was the football game that was held on that memorably miserable, rainy Sunday morning in December. We finished our freshman year in a blaze of glory by ignominiously trouncing the juniors in basketball.

During our freshman year there were several changes in the personnel of the faculty and the domestic department. Miss Lee Fine, librarian, who was popular with the students, resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. Maude Maines. Marvis Godfrey, the school's seamstress for so many years, passed away and took with her a living record of the old-time Farm School traditions and anecdotes. Mr. Harry Brick, Social Director, resigned and Mr. Bernard Zeigler, N.F.S. '35, replaced him. Mr. Russell Weaver, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, arrived to take a position as instructor in agronomy. Mr. Ben Zeider resigned as field foreman in horticulture and was succeeded by Mr. Aaron Lipman, a graduate of Rutgers University. Mr. Lipman left later in the year to take a position in the commercial world and was succeeded by Mr. Solomon Soskin, N.F.S. '29.

Our advisors during this period of acclimation were Mr. Samuels and Mr. David Segal, N.F.S. '37. Our class presidents during this year were Gunther Croner, Albert Zilbertuler and Samuel F. Lupinacci, Jr.

1937

On March 20, 1937, the "tyrannical" seniors graduated and we became a group of exuberant, free-breathing lot of juniors. We immediately assumed our new duties and made the most of lording it over the newly-matriculated Class of 1940.

We began our second year of training for the year's series of inter-class sports events. First, we made history in Farm School by making a clean sweep of the boxing bouts, seven wins out of seven contests. This was followed, several weeks later, by the interclass wrestling which we proceeded to win, five bouts to two. After this we suffered two defeats in a row by losing the inter-class baseball game and the inter-class track meet. We blamed the baseball defeat on the fact that our baseball material in the class was of such high caliber that it was all varsity material, leaving none for inter-class competition.

After the summer vacation period we resumed class activity and pitched in to put over a successful Junior Prom. It was held on Saturday evening, September 25, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our last participation in inter-class sports was the freshman-junior football game which we lost, 12-0. Of course, our football defeat was precisely the same reason as the loss earlier in the year in baseball; the varsity caliber of our classmates was too much for mere inter-class competition.

Just before leaving on the Christmas vacation, we made that momentous decision, chose our major subject, and for once became seriously thoughtful about our projected life's work. We made our carefully pondered decisions and prepared ourselves for the "last lap" of our Farm School careers.

During the junior year three instructors left. They were Mr. John Thompson and Mr. Griffin Roberts, of the Dairy Department, and Mr. Reuben Yoselson of the Poultry Department.

1938

It seemed rather strange during the first few weeks of our senior year that we were the most advanced agriculture students of the school. It had seemed such a short time since we first entered, more timid and frightened as to what Farm School had in store for us than we were willing to admit. We plunged seriously into our specialized work and assumed all the worries and attitudes of typical farmers.

During the latter part of the Spring, three new instructors were added to the faculty. They were Mr. Leroy W. Ingham, of the University of Maryland, and Mr. Morris Eisman, N.F.S. '37, both of whom were added to the dairy. Mr. Morris Plevinsky, N.F.S. '33, and a graduate of Rutgers University, was added to the staff of the Poultry Department.

We continued our zealous activity, harvesting crops we had planted earlier in the year and performing the various cultural operations necessary for the production of bumper crops, high producing cows and chickens. We finished our seven months' industrial period and embarked on five months of classes on November 2, 1938.

During our senior year Mr. Zeigler, Mr. Plevinsky, and Mr. Groman left to enter the commercial field. New additions to the faculty included Mr. Samuel J. Gurbarg, student counsellor, and Mr. Howard L. Snyder, instructor in farm mechanics.

As this is being written, we have but a few weeks intervening before graduation takes place. We can look back on a very pleasant and instructive three years' stay. Those friendships we have cultivated, those experiences that have been etched into our memories, will serve as a constant reminder of our Farm School days. We are leaving here with the fervent hopes that we may be a credit to the institution that put us forth. We entered young and inexperienced and now we leave as broad-minded, ambitious and mature men, ready to take our place in the outside world.



Dropped by the Wayside

ADELMAN	HAAS	PEARLMAN
BALDWIN	JACOBUS	PETT
BARON	JARIN	POSS
BLACK	KAGAN	POTTER
COHEN	KOOPERMAN	PRAISSMAN
CRONER	KORNFELD	RICH
CUSTER	KOSLAN	RICHMAN
DAVIS	KRANTZ	SALTZMAN
DERFLER	LANGELL	SCHIMPF
EMIL	LANIN	SCHLEY
ERGANOFF	LEVINSTONE	SPERLING
FRIEDBERG	LUPINACCI	SUSSMAN
GOLDFARB	MEDOFF	TEICH
GOLDSTEIN	MOFSOVITZ	TIETZE
GREEN	MURTHA	ZILBERTULER
GROLLMAN	PAGE	

VALEDICTORY

MR. CHAIRMAN, President Allen, Members of the Board, Parents, Fellow Students, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Three years ago, seventy-six callow youths entered this school with the common purpose to become farmers. Most of them came from cities, little acquainted with farms or farmers. Bewildered by the strangeness of their surroundings and the complexity of the vast and basic industry for which they were preparing, it took some time before they became adapted to their new environment. As the months rolled on, they saw their class membership slowly dwindle. Today, twenty-four of those original seventy-six are here to graduate. Now those twenty-four graduates talk, act, and live the daily lives of farmers. May we hope, with pardonable pride, that it is a case of "survival of the fittest".

Today we are entering upon a world torn by dissension, strife, and prejudice. We must be prepared not only to take our part as farmers in life's activities, but to do our duty as friendly neighbors and good citizens.

Our early urban background, plus the recently acquired rural outlook, gives us a combination of experience that should prepare us to become rural leaders of tomorrow. We can do much to bridge the gap which exists between urban and country life. A solution of the grave social and economic problems troubling us today can only be reached when the farmer and city dweller become aware of their mutual problems.

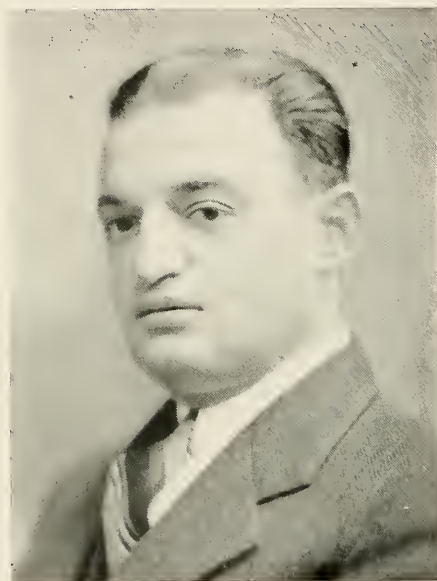
Our scientific training should also make us effective as modern farm leaders. By virtue of the systematic training we have received at the National Farm School, we should be able to follow the most advanced methods in agriculture. Thus we may influence our fellow farmers to use more efficient practices and therefore we can be important factors in raising the general standard of living in agriculture.

Another important field opening before us today is the colonization and rehabilitation of victims of European racial and religious oppression. The resettlement of refugees is one of the major problems of the world today. Many of them must be taught to work the land for their subsistence. Graduates of the National Farm School will undoubtedly be called upon to do their part in this noble, humanitarian work. Following in the spirit of the great founder of this school, they will unquestionably accept that opportunity to serve.

In spite of the opportunities which lie before us, we look back for a moment with sadness that we are about to leave the place that has been our home and our parent for three years; the place where we spent so many happy days; the place where we have built so many firm friendships. With all that lies before us, we hope we may repay in small part the patience and painstaking efforts of our teachers. It is with profound sentiment that we say "Farewell" to our Alma Mater.

ARTHUR ISBIT.





S. B. SAMUELS

OVER a period of many years the athletic aggregations representing your Alma Mater have accomplished a great deal towards developing a highly respected athletic tradition. This has necessitated the exemplification of all the fine traditional principles to be gained from team work and a strong spirit for the school and co-operative, organized play.

There have never been teams which were confronted with the problems of material comparable to the aggregations which represented your institution this year. It is a well known fact that the football and basketball teams both competed through schedules with the same strong competition of the previous years and achieved highly successful season in spite of the problems of numbers and material.

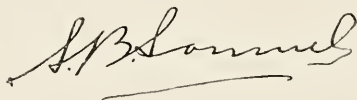
Great credit should be given to Schull as captain of the football team and his departing classmates, Van Horn, Needles, and Foody, as representatives of the football team. The basketball aggregation will also lose the splendid services of Schull and Jacobson, the latter also representing the baseball squad.

It is hoped that the object lesson of courage, determination and many other virtues which were necessary for these athletic teams to be successful against overwhelming odds will be reflected as an inspiration to the outgoing seniors.

There are many splendid opportunities awaiting each individual, providing he can meet the challenge when the time arrives. It is important to remember that in these days of economic stress and social chaos the road will not be easy and I can best express my wishes with the following:

"When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you, till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time the tide will turn"

—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "S. B. Schull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

1938 Football Team



Left to right, seated: Van Horn, Needles, Kerbel, Levitzky, Malinsky, Groben, Kramer, Schull, Thomas, Smith, Spiegel, Nussbaum, Lucas, Sernofsky, Scott.
Standing: Coach Samuels, Dr. Hankin, Henningsen, Henrich, Foody, Bogatin, Assistant Coach Plevinsky, Manager Nickman, Trainer Rothenberg.



FOOTBALL

CRISP autumn air, brilliantly colored leaves, and chrysanthemums bring to the mind of the Farm School student what is the most important and popular of the sports of the athletic program here at school. Football has been, is, and always will be the nucleus around which student life revolves from the first week of August to Thanksgiving. The Class of '39 will be remembered for having contributed many of the turf-pounders which become cogs in the gridiron machines mentored by Coach Samuels.

The 1936 season was a successful one. We lost to St. Thomas College frosh and to the Ursinus College Jayvees. The only other snag on the schedule was Williamson Trade, with whom we tied on Thanksgiving Day.

The following season was almost an exact duplicate of '36. We lost to Montclair Teachers' and the Stockbridge Aggies, and tied the Ursinus Freshman team. We won five games to end up the season in the black.

The 1938 season ended with three wins, three losses, and one tie game. The outstanding games on the schedule were the Ursinus Jayvee tie, and the wins over St. Thomas Prep and Stockbridge.

The Class of '39 did its part in contributing material for the team and was ably represented by such stellar performers as Lupinacci, Emil, Jacobus, Cohen, Praissman, Schull, Van Horn, Foody, and Needles. Nickman was the "Board of Directors" through his managing of the team.

FOOTBALL

1936

N.F.S.		Opp.
27	Bloomsburg Teachers	6
26	New Paltz Normal School.....	0
20	Camden Vocational School....	0
0	St. Thomas Freshmen.....	6
7	Atlantic City Vocational.....	6
6	Stockbridge College	0
13	Ursinus Freshmen	19
6	Williamson Trade School	6
—		—
105		43

1937

N.F.S.		Opp.
52	Bloomsburg Teachers J. V.....	0
0	Montclair Teachers	6
0	Ursinus Freshmen	0
47	Atlantic City Vocational.....	0
6	Stockbridge College	14
20	Mining and Mechanic Inst.....	0
13	Williamson Trade School.....	7
—		—
138		27

1938

N.F.S.		Opp.
0	Seton Hall Prep School.....	45
13	St. Thomas Prep School.....	0
0	Ursinus College J. V.....	0
2	Blue Ridge College	7
6	Stockbridge College	0
6	Mining and Mechanic Inst.....	0
2	Williamson Trade School.....	12
—		—
29		64

1938 Basketball Team



Left to right, seated: Coach Samuels, Schull, Groben, Nussbaum, Males, Levitzky.
Standing: Jacobson, Snyder, Lucas, Manager Foody.

BASKETBALL

THE cage game has always been a successful sport at Farm School and it has always had the enthusiastic support of the student body. During our freshman year the squad was almost a complete hold-over from the previous year, so none of our classmates could break into the varsity. We did manage to provide "cannon fodder", though, in the form of about half a dozen scrubs. Some of these men were Kopclow and "Hobo" Koslan. The season was a successful one, for the team won six of the schedule of eight games.

The 1937 squad lost only two men through graduation and these holes were quickly plugged up with the debuts of Koslan and "Butch" Emil as varsity representatives of the '39 class. Emil and his heads-up ball playing helped save plenty of games with his passing. That year we won nine games of a scheduled twelve. Our bugaboos were Allentown, to whom we lost twice, and the Rider College Freshmen, who nosed us out in one game. This season was the end of Coach Bernard Zeigler's short two-season reign as basketball coach. We regretted seeing him leave in June of 1938, for he had left an enviable record behind him as a sports mentor.

The 1938 season marked the return of Mr. Samuel B. Samuels to the coaching ranks of the hardwood floor sport. His team for that season will be remembered for its ability to come through and break our opponents' winning streaks as in Rider College's nine-game streak and Atlantic City Trade's eleven-game streak. Our class was represented by Schull and Jacobson on the varsity squad.

BASKETBALL
1936

N.F.S.		Opp.
42	Banks Business College	39
78	St. John's High School.....	34
32	P. I. D.	27
23	La Salle High School	28
49	Atlantic City Trade School.....	29
34	Rider College Jayvees	30
56	Philadelphia Marines	40
21	P. I. D.	23
—		—
335		250

1937		1938	
N.F.S.	Opp.	N.F.S.	Opp.
31	Philadelphia Textile	47	Philadelphia Business School
43	Philadelphia Marines	29	Lincoln Prep
22	P. I. D.	26	P. I. D.
31	Peirce School	43	Mining & Mechanical Inst.....
38	Allentown Prep	29	Peirce School
27	Germantown High School ..	22	Williamson Trade School.....
46	Girard College	36	Rider College Jayvees.....
25	Atlantic City Trade School.....	36	Atlantic City Trade School.....
27	Allentown Prep	54	Girard College
21	Rider College Jayvees	39	P. I. D.
25	South Philadelphia	54	Mining & Mechanical Inst.....
21	Williamson Trade School ..	39	
35	P. I. D.	54	
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392	327	415	354

1938 Baseball Team



Left to right, seated: Snyder, Rubenstein, Jacobson, Schull, Lucas, Perez and Groben.

Standing: Manager Persico, Goodman, Goldfarb, Mendick, Bogdonoff, Coach Zeigler.



BASEBALL

NO SOONER did our class enter school in the spring of '36, than the baseball season got under way. Our team went like a house on fire and we finished the season with a perfect record — we lost every game.

The 1937 season was a little brighter because we won two games and lost seven. Our wins were accomplished over Frankford High School and P. I. D. and we held the strong Southern High team to a 7-3 score.

We finished the 1938 season with a .500 average by winning two games from Philadelphia Textile and P. I. D. and losing two games to Southern High and Williamson Trade School. The weather man seemed to have made out best during the season by causing three of our scheduled games to be called off on account of rain.

Our class produced such diamond performers as Emil, Jacobus, Potter, Praissman, Jacobson and Schull, who did their best to put N. F. S. in the win column. Jim Persico did a great job in handling the board of strategy which is often passed off as a thankless job.

BASEBALL

1936

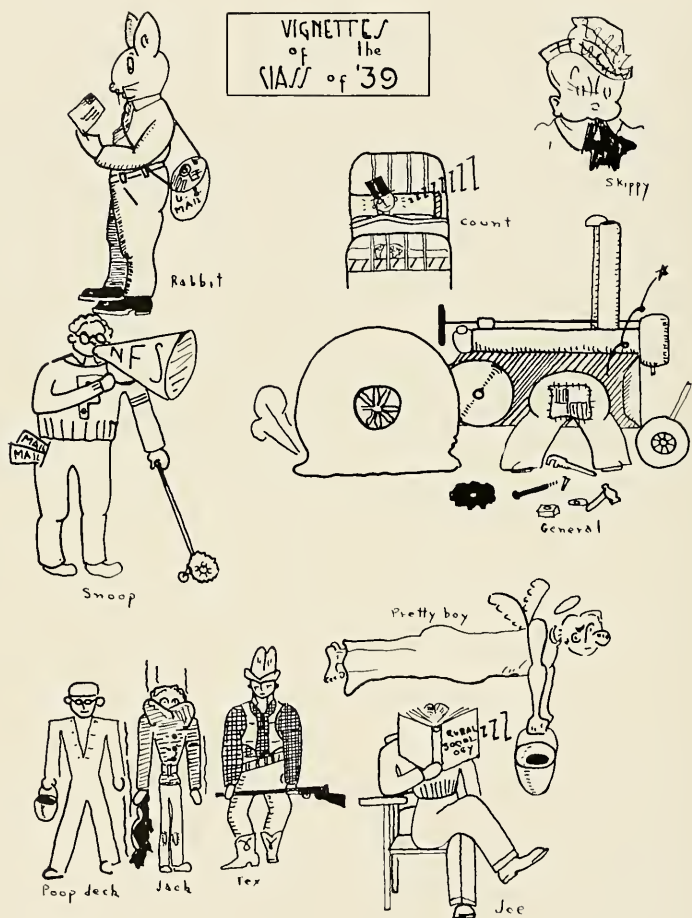
N.F.S.		Opp.
6	Pierce School	19
11	St. John's High.....	15
4	Girard College	9
0	Williamson Trade	19
6	N. E. Catholic	23
2	P. I. D.	13
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29		98

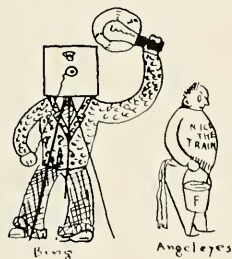
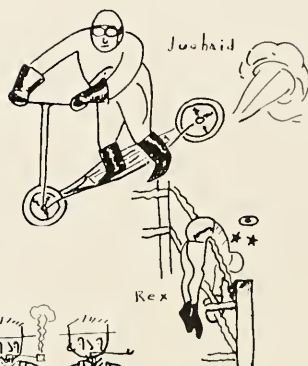
1937

N.F.S.		Opp.
4	Germantown High	5
7	Frankford High	5
1	Brown Prep	12
10	N. E. Catholic	17
3	South Philadelphia High.....	7
3	Williamson Trade	4
7	P. I. D.	6
2	Girard College	18
2	Marines	4
—		—
39		78

1938

N.F.S.		Opp.
7	Philadelphia Textile	5
4	South Philadelphia High.....	9
7	P. I. D.	5
2	Williamson Trade	7
—		—
20		26





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SALUTATORY

MR. CHAIRMAN, President Allen, Members of the Board, Members of the Faculty, Parents, Honored Guests, and Fellow Students:

It is with a keen sense of regret, and yet anticipation for the future, that we gather here today on the occasion of our graduation. We are happy indeed to have you here to rejoice with us and to bid us God-speed for the future.

Regardless of where our paths may lead or of the part that fate will play in the moulding of our futures, the wonderful training which we have obtained here will be invaluable to us. We know that not all will remain in agriculture, but the basis of our education will equip us thoroughly for whatever the world holds in store for us.

True, we have had to do tasks which were disagreeable, but they were given to us with a definite purpose in view. Those in whom we have entrusted the building of our foundations have indeed planned well. We must never forget that it is far less disappointing and far less expensive to learn from the experience of others than to experiment, often foolishly, on our own.

On behalf of the graduating class, I desire at this time to thank the members of the faculty for their invaluable aid in teaching us the basically sound structure of our agricultural education. They have earned our admiration, our respect, and what is of the utmost importance to us, they have secured our friendship.

This is indeed a memorable occasion for many of you in the audience. You fathers and mothers — it is only through your selfish sacrifice and your devotion and faith that we are here to graduate. Words fail me in my attempt to give thanks and show our gratitude to you. Let the actions of the future, rather than words, speak for themselves.

To that group of fine men and women who have given of their time, their means and their efforts so that the school might grow and prosper, we offer our sincerest thanks. I earnestly hope that they continue in their noble work, so that those who follow may benefit from the fruits of the founder's life work.

The acid test begins now. We are starting anew, freshmen in the world of agriculture. In spite of a belief of the ancient Greeks, "Oy Kiboy Dios Ayay Eupiotosy", "The dice of the Gods are always loaded", may the unquenchable "never-say-die" spirit which was fostered here always rule with us.

The outlook for us is one resembling a mine of precious metals. It is with diligence and perspiration that the wealth stored in them may be released.

ABRAHAM JOLOFSKY.

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